

CHAPTER 165.

AN ACT to establish the times of paying the salaries of Civil Officers and the pensions of Revolutionary Officers and Soldiers and of their Widows.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* Quarterly payments to civil officers That from and after the last day of June next, the salaries of the several civil officers of the government of this state, shall be paid quarter-yearly on the first days of July, October, January and April.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the pensions of revolutionary officers and soldiers and of their widows, shall be paid half-yearly, on the first days of October and April. Half-yearly to revolutionary soldiers.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That on the first payment of such salaries or pensions all sums due, or fractional parts of Fractional part. any preceding quarter or half year, shall be paid as herein before provided.

CHAPTER 166.

AN ACT to create a Board of Public Works.

Repealed by 1828, ch. 64.

CHAPTER 167.

AN ACT to prevent the unnecessary accumulation of Costs in Civil Suits. Supplements, 1829, ch. 166, 186; 1830, ch. 80; 1837, ch. 211.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* More than one suit on one instrument prohibited—penalty. That from and after the first day of May next, it shall not be lawful to institute more than one suit on a joint and several bond, penal or single bill, where the persons executing the same are alive, and reside in the same county; and that if more than one suit be instituted on any such bond, penal or single bill, judgment of non pross. shall be entered against the plaintiff or plaintiffs on such suits.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That if either of the said obligors shall be dead, then and in that case, it shall be the duty of such clerk to docket one action against the surviving obligor or obligors, and if requested so to do by the plaintiff or plaintiffs, or by his, her or their attorney, it shall be the duty of such clerk, to docket also an action against the executors or administrators of such deceased obligor, and to issue a summons against the executors or administrators of such obligor, and the same proceedings shall be had and the same judgment entered thereon, as if separate actions had been brought against each and every obligor, in such joint and several bond, penal or single bill. Case of one obligor being dead.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That if either of the said obligors against whom a joint action shall have been brought, shall die, An obligor dying pending a suit.